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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Robert M. Gates
Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT: Draft NSDD on Leaks

1. Attached is the draft from Judge Clark I discussed with you on Friday. I believe it is an enormously important step forward and recommend that you support it enthusiastically.

2. I would recommend two changes to the draft. It discusses two categories of information: National Security Council information (relating to documents, information, and deliberations of the NSC, NSPG, SSG, and subordinate bodies) and national security information (everything that is classified). The present draft extends the access, controls, and liability to polygraphing to the latter, thus encompassing the broadest sweep of classified information. While this is appealing, I fear that this broad a cut at the leaks problem will make implementation difficult and confusing and also substantially increase public and media criticism.

3. I believe you should recommend that this first step be a narrower cut and be limited to "National Security Council+intelligence information." Applying these rules to intelligence, I believe, would not present additional controversy; in the policy arena, limiting the sweep to materials or information relating to the NSC, and therefore directly under the President's aegis, is probably more saleable.

4. Accordingly, with that change, I recommend your concurrence to Judge Clark.


Robert M. Gates

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Attachment
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